

In The Claims

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made.

1. **(Currently amended)** A computerized method for rendering images, comprising:
receiving from a client a render job having an associated job profile and a plurality of frames;
distributing ~~the render job~~ via a communications medium a first frame of the plurality of frames to ~~at least a first~~ one of a plurality of render servers and a second frame of the plurality of frames to a second one of the plurality of render servers based at least in part on the job profile;
rendering the first and second frames concurrently at the first and second render servers ~~render job~~; and
forwarding the rendered ~~render job~~ first and second frames to a network storage system for retrieval by the client.

2. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving from a client the render job from a client comprises receiving the render job from a computer remote from the plurality of render servers.

3. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 1, wherein distributing the ~~render job~~ first and second frames comprises distributing the ~~render job~~ first and second frames by a scheduler, the ~~first~~ scheduler operable to determine which of the plurality of render servers ~~is~~ are capable of rendering the ~~render job~~ first and second frames.

4. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 3, wherein the scheduler is operable to determine which of the plurality of render servers ~~is~~ are capable of rendering the ~~render job~~ first and second frames by accessing a database storing the capabilities of each of the plurality of render servers.

21. **(Currently amended)** A computerized method for rendering images comprising:

receiving a render job having a plurality of frames from a client at a first rendering site;

transferring the render job from the first rendering site to a second rendering site, the second rendering site located remote from the first rendering site and comprising a plurality of remote render servers; and

distributing a first frame of the plurality of frames to a first one of the plurality of remote render servers and a second frame of the plurality of frames to a second one of the plurality of remote render servers;

rendering the first and second frames concurrently at the first and second remote render servers ~~render job at the second rendering site to produce a render result.~~

22. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 21, and further comprising transmitting the ~~render result~~ rendered first and second frames to the client.

23. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 21, and further comprising transmitting the ~~render result~~ rendered first and second frames from the second render site to the first render site.

24. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 21, and further comprising storing the ~~render result~~ rendered first and second frames in a location accessible by the client.

25. **(Original)** The method of Claim 21, wherein the first rendering site comprises:

a plurality of render servers operable to render a render job having an associated job profile;

a resource database comprising resource information regarding the plurality of render servers; and

a schedule server coupled to the render server via a communications medium and operable to distribute the render job to one or more of a plurality of render servers based on a comparison of the job profile and the resource information.

26. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 21, wherein the second rendering site comprises:

~~a plurality of render servers operable to render a render job having an associated job profile;~~

a resource database comprising resource information regarding the plurality of render servers; and

a schedule server coupled to the remote render servers ~~server~~ via a communications medium and operable to distribute the plurality of render job frames to ~~one or more of a plurality of~~ at least the first and second remote render servers based on a comparison of the job profile and the resource information.

27. **(Original)** The method of Claim 21, and further comprising transferring files associated with the render job from the first site to the second site, the associated files being necessary to render the render job.

28. **(Original)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the associated files comprise a texture file.

29. **(Original)** The method of Claim 21, and further comprising notifying, by the second rendering site, the first rendering site when the render job has been rendered.